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Re: *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In St. Joseph County, Indiana, STB Docket No. AB-290 (Sub-No. 349X)*

Dear Ms. Brown:

Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") hereby requests for good cause shown a one-year extension, until November 6, 2015, of the deadline to consummate the abandonment authority granted in the above-referenced proceeding. Consummation of the abandonment was delayed due to imposition of a salvaging condition¹, which NSR has diligently been working to address.

NSR filed for abandonment authority on October 17, 2013. The exemption was served and published in the Federal Register on November 6, 2013 (78 Fed. Reg. 66,801). The exemption became effective on December 6, 2013.

On November 8, 2013, the Board completed its environmental review and recommended the following salvaging condition: Norfolk Southern Railway Company shall consult with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources to determine what, if any, permits are needed prior to salvage, and to comply with their reasonable requirements if applicable. This condition was imposed by the Board, in a decision issued on December 5, 2013.

Over the past year, NSR began making preparations to salvage the line and consummate its abandonment authority in this proceeding. However, NSR has not been able to complete the consultation and salvage process. As such, NSR needs additional time to complete the process consistent with the Board's December 5, 2013 decision. Accordingly, NSR respectfully requests a one-year extension, until November 6, 2015, of the current deadline for filing a notice of

¹See *Norfolk Southern Railway Company – Abandonment Exemption – In St. Joseph County, Indiana, STB Docket No. December 5, 2013 (STB served December 5, 2013)*.

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consummation in this proceeding. Please let me know if you require anything else in order to grant the subject extension.

Sincerely,



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